

Connecticut State Board of Accountancy  
January 08, 2008  
Minutes

Acting Chairman Ciarcia called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. in the Office of the Board, 30 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut via conference call.

Present:

James S. Ciarcia, Acting Chairman  
Richard P. Bond  
Richard H. Gesseck, CPA  
Leonard M. Romaniello, Jr., CPA, CITP, MST  
Martha S. Triplett, Esq.  
Michael Weinshel, CPA

Staff Members Present:

David L. Guay, Executive Director  
Rebecca E. Adams, Esq., Board Counsel  
Angel D. Acevedo, Office Assistant

Absent:

Thomas F. Reynolds, CPA, Chairman  
Philip J. DeCaprio, CPA, CrFA, CVA, ABV  
Richard L. Sturdevant

Motion made by Michael Weinshel and seconded by Richard Bond to accept and approve the minutes of the December 04, 2007 State Board of Accountancy meeting; All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

In an update of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, David Guay informed the Board, the Governor will not attend the February 05, 2008 celebration due to scheduling conflicts. In order to accommodate this change, Director Guay suggested having the celebration as part of the already scheduled board meeting at either the Capital, or the Legislature Office Building.

**Executive Director's Operations Update and Review:**

**On-line Renewal – On-line lookup and Licensing Database**

- Continues as highest priority special project
  - Over 4290 on-line transaction so far representing about 48 % of the total anticipated renewals
  - Staffing the office on Saturday's
  - We've attempted to respond to every phone call, voice mail and email within less than 24 hours.
  - Continuing issues being worked on.
    - Login

- CPE reporting, capture and calculation
- Dual transactions
- Partner listing for firms
- Data transfer issues
- Reconciliation and printing of licenses

#### **Website**

- Upgrade effort – Minimal progress in last month due to launch of on-line renewal
- Updating on an as needed basis

#### **Business continuity & pandemic planning**

- Placed on the back burner for the moment

#### **2008 Legislation - Mobility**

- Progress continues on finalizing draft
- Just beginning to craft support materials

#### **Regulation Project and Effort**

- Attorney Adams has three Regulations in process
  - Exam Fee Regulation
  - Permanent Education Regulation
  - First parts of the Experience Regulation being drafted
- Need to continue monthly review in conjunction with CSCPA Study
- Continuing to work on final portion of Experience Regulation

#### **Records Retention Effort**

- CPA Exam Grade cards, scanning completed
- Planning for scanning of minutes with originals to the State Archives completed, budget concerns prevent immediate implementation, current estimate of cost \$2739.00
- Download from NASBA of grades still needs to be planned and accomplished
- Electronic records reviewed and plan for proceeding with destruction and retention created and we are initiating the plan

#### **100th Anniversary**

- Commemorative Portfolio designed and purchased
- Invitation list created and being revised
- Anticipated Anniversary Agenda – meeting at the Capitol, light breakfast refreshments with short remarks
- New date of February 5, 2008 as part of our regular meeting

#### **CPA Exam**

- Craig Mills of the AICPA coming to the February 2008 Board meeting
- Opportunity to comment on Exam improvements – Invitation received from AICPA
  - Letter from Prof. Rosman

- Draft comments
- 2007 Edition of the 2006 CPA Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination has been received and is available for Board member review.

**Governor's Care & Share**

- We participated as an agency in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Care & Share Food Drive
- We collected food and \$55 in monetary donations

Motion made by Richard Bond and seconded by Leonard Romaniello to approve the January 08, 2008 list of individual applications for CPA Certificate, Registrations and CPA Licenses. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

Motion made by Leonard Romaniello and seconded by Richard Bond to approve the January 08, 2008 list of Firm Permit to Practice applications. All voted in favor; no votes and no abstentions.

Attorney Adams briefed the Board on her progress with the 2008 Mobility Legislation:

Attorney Adams has set up meetings for this legislative session & David notified the board he anticipates he will be the person testifying on behalf of the board.

Regulations in process:

- PA to CPA- Has been published.
- Permanent 120 hours for CPA Exam- Published in the law journal on December 11, 2007.
- CPA Exam Fee- Currently at the Attorney General's office; January '08, or February '08 the earliest Attorney Adams expects it to come back.

Director Guay briefed the board on the AICPA's invitation to comment on the CPA Exam:

Director Guay felt the invitation did not fully address the board's issues and concerns. Specifically, the Board feels the best interests of the candidates would best be served with shorter black out periods, or no black out periods. Furthermore, the Board feels, in the least, the months of December and June should be testing months.

Motion made by Michael Weinshel and seconded by Leonard Romaniello to approve the responses in regards to the AICPA's Questionnaire on the CPA Exam. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

*Mr. Bond left the meeting at 8:56 am & promptly returned at 9:15 am!*

Under Public Comment:

- Arthur Renner, Executive Director of Connecticut Society of CPA's, addressed the board briefly.

- o Prof. Andrew Rosman, University of Connecticut, also briefly addressed the board.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **ENFORCEMENT AGENDA**

**January 8, 2008**

#### **A. REQUESTING SETTLEMENT APPROVAL**

##### **1. 2007 LATE EARNED CPE**

\*Note: Late fees of \$100 were assessed for CPE earned after June 30 and on or by September 30. Late fees of \$250 were assessed for CPE earned after September 30 and on or by December 31

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>License#</b>	<b>Fee*</b>
Alfano	8481	250
Beardsley	9761	250
Danahy	5580	250
Falce	4740	100
Fonda	7186	250
Fusarelli	10633	250
Hess	3756	250
Jurczyk	12841	100
Kavanagh	12501	100
Leask	2836	100
Lorensen	9523	250
Mahoney	9679	100
McCall	1805	250
Moses	3642	250
Nicholson	12365	250
Pires	10747	100
Potvin	7140	100
Russo	12979	250
Terrini	9675	250

**Recommended Settlement- All have submitted CPE by the terms of their settlements and paid the corresponding fee.**

Motion made by Leonard Romaniello and seconded by Michael Weinshel to approve Attorney Adams' request for settlement approval in regards to license #'s: 8481; 9761; 5580; 4740; 7186; 10633; 3756; 12841; 12501; 2836; 9523; 9679; 1805; 3642; 12365; 10747; 7140; 12979; 9675. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

##### **2. OTHER SETTLEMENTS**

**2007133-3095 David Gallagher** – *Practicing without a license.*

Mr. Gallagher became a partner at the firm of Capossela and Cohen, LLC in 2005; prior to that he was employed there but not a partner. He failed to reinstate his license at that time. Investigation shows no intent to mislead the Board. He submitted proof of more than 40 hours of acceptable CPE for 2005, 2006, and 2007 and has supplied 40 hours of CPE within the previous 12 months along with back licensing fees for those years. His application for reinstatement in 2008 is pending this settlement request.

***Recommend reinstating license in conjunction with a settlement requiring payment of \$1,350 in overdue licensing fees and submission of acceptable CPE for all relevant years.***

Motion made by Richard Bond and seconded by Martha Triplett to accept Attorney Adams' recommendation of licensure reinstatement in case# 2007133-3095 (David Gallagher). All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions. Michael Weinshel recused himself prior to the discussion and voting of this case.

**2007061-3061 Eugene Esares** – *Practicing without a license*

Mr. Esares did not hold a license in 2006 and 2007 but did hold a valid firm permit. He applied for reinstatement in November of 2007 with proof of 40 hours of acceptable CPE in the 12 months prior to the application.

***Recommend reinstating his license in conjunction with a settlement requiring payment of \$500 fine in addition to back licensing fees (\$900)***

Motion made by Michael Weinshel and seconded by Richard Bond to accept Attorney Adams' recommendation of licensure reinstatement in case# 2007061-3061 (Eugene Esares). All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

Motion made by Richard Bond and seconded by Martha Triplett to adjourn the January 08, 2008 Board Meeting; all voted in favor. The meeting was officially closed at 09:15 A.M.